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Execution Of Chinese Consul

SHANGHAI, DEC. 17.—A CHINESE CONSUL IN SHANGHAI WAS EXECUTED BY THE JAPANESE MILITARY IN THE CITY OF SHANGHAI.

The execution was carried out by a Japanese military unit in the city of Shanghai. The consul was found guilty of treason and was executed by a firing squad.

Treasure Hunt On In Europe

LONDON, DEC. 17.—EUROPE'S GIGANTIC TREASURE HUNT IS ON. NON-FASCIST COUNTRIES ARE IN SEARCH FOR THEIR OBJECTS.

The hunt for treasure is ongoing in Europe. Non-Fascist countries are searching for their objects, which were looted by the Nazis.

They are also being helped by the Nazis themselves. With their well-known thoroughness they have lists of all stolen material, what factories or industries it came from, and the names of the owners.

A comprehensive card index of all machines looted locally was, for instance, found in Rotterdam. The central figure behind the looting organization was V. Gerson, a German fifth columnist in the Netherlands. As they cure his handiwork, Hollanders are today grateful that he was at least methodical.—Reuter.

JOB FOR SCIENTISTS

Tokyo, Dec. 17.—Allied Headquarters today urged Japan's scientists to tackle the problem of increasing petroleum and coal production and of developing other natural resources.

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The group is headed by Gen. Chou En-lai, deputy leader of the Chinese Communist Party, and it includes Gen. Yen Hsien-ying, chief of staff of the Communist armies.

This hope of agreement was bolstered further by President Truman's statement on America's China policy, with the part of which even the Communist appeared in agreement.

With arrival of Gen. Chou and his party, the way was laid for the long deferred and long deferred political council which is to consider and attempt to resolve all outstanding problems between the Nationalists and Communists.

Gen. Yen Hsien-ying has been included in the Communist delegation as a military expert, and if an accord is reached he is likely to remain in Chungking to work out technical details connected with any decisions affecting Nationalist and Communist armies.

If so, he will be one of a military subcommittee of three. The other two will be members of the National Government.

The two Communist generals will be in Chungking when Gen. George C. Marshall arrives. Then they will be special American envoys to China and they will be ready to meet him at any time he wishes.

Chou En-lai is fully qualified to present the Communist case to Marshall, at whatever the Communists would like the presidential envoy to visit. Yen Hsien-ying is a military expert, and if an accord is reached he is likely to remain in Chungking to work out technical details connected with any decisions affecting Nationalist and Communist armies.

Beautiful

Honolulu, Dec. 17.—General George C. Marshall arrived at Hickam Field today en route to his post as new United States Ambassador to China.

Marshall said: "I have no comment to make on anything except that it is a beautiful day." He was accompanied by his secretary, Chief War Staff Officer Richard Hickey.

Both are being detained for investigation as alleged collaborators.

Headquarters said that Kentwell, who served in the Japanese Navy of the Puppet Nanking Government.

The Frenchtown has protested against the arrest of Suley claiming it was a violation of the previous treaties.

Kentwell, at one time, was publisher of the "Daily Sun" in Canton.—Associated Press.

IN A COLD DARK ROOM OF THE YOKOHAMA COURT HOUSE EIGHT OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY COMMISSION MET TODAY IN AN ORGANISATION SESSION TO SET THE STAGE FOR THE FIRST WAR CRIMES TRIALS TO BE HELD IN JAPAN.

NONE OF THE FIVE JAPANESE PRISONERS, ALL ACCUSED OF COMMITTING OR CONDONING ATROCITIES AGAINST ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR, WAS IN THE COURTROOM AS THE COMMISSION SET THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TRIALS WHICH MEAN LIFE OR DEATH FOR THEM.

Tatsuo Tsuchiya, whom the prisoners were accused of mistreating called "little glass eye," will be arraigned on Dec. 18.

IN RESIGNING HIS PREMIERSHIP ON DEC. 16, 1941, PRINCE KONOYE INFORMED EMPEROR HIROHITO THAT GENERAL TOJO WAS INSISTING UPON SPECIFICATION OF A DATE FOR STARTING THE PACIFIC WAR.

This was revealed by the newspaper "Asahi" in publishing the text of the Premier's resignation. The "Asahi" in its editorial said that the Prince's "weakness of character was bound to contribute a state crime" because it made the war easy.

Konoye Was Reading Oscar Wilde

TOKYO, DEC. 17.—PRINCE KONOYE'S SUICIDE BY POISON—A METHOD SCORNED BY MANY JAPANESE BECAUSE IT IS REGARDED AS PAINLESS—WAS NEVERTHELESS SURROUNDED WITH MUCH CEREMONIOUS FACE WHICH MEANS MUCH HERE.

KONOYE ENTERTAINED RELATIVES AND CLOSE FRIENDS AT A FAREWELL DINNER. THEY THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE HE WAS DUE TO SURRENDER BY MIDNIGHT TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES.

They said there was no hint of suicide, and no mention of his expected imprisonment was made.

Princess Konoye apparently was not warned. She prepared his luggage for his prison trip.

KONOYE'S BODY WAS FOUND IN A PYRAMID WITH A FORECASTER'S PULL UNDER HIS HEAD. HIS HANDS WERE FOLDED POETICALLY ACROSS HIS CHEST AND HIS SHAVEN FACE APPEARED SERENE.

Relatives substituted the white ceremonial kimono for the pyjama and moved the body from its east-west position to a north-south position in keeping with Japanese custom.

Three American soldiers stationed at the small entrance of the hall took off their shoes as the Japanese custom upon entering a house.

On the veranda of Prince Konoye's home were found Gibbons' "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" and Oscar Wilde's "De Profundis" and "Tales of Reading Road," which the former Premier was evidently reading shortly before he committed suicide.

In "De Profundis" this passage was underlined in red: "Soberly as we have accepted it, it will have no place in me because it has none to offer."

But nature whose sweet cure fall on the unjust and the just alike will have clefts in rocks where I may hide and secret valleys in whose silence I may weep undisturbed.—Associated Press.

House as there were new Indian tones of the revival of the discussion of abdication. Some Japanese believed that the suicide might be a final factor precipitating the Emperor's abdication.

Princess Konoye's death was a blow to the prestige and position of Emperor Hirohito. It may have strong repercussions in the imperial household as well as in political circles.

The Prince himself in the final hours of his life expressed concern for the future of the Imperial House as there were new Indian tones of the revival of the discussion of abdication.

U.S. MILITARY SPLIT ON CHINA POLICY

(By Hal Boyle).

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT ON CHINA IS A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY FOR THOSE AMERICAN MILITARY LEADERS WHO BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CEASE ITS "BLANK CHECK" SUPPORT OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND BRING FULL DIPLOMATIC, FINANCIAL AND MORAL PRESURE ON HIS NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

THERE HAS BEEN A WIDE OPEN SPLIT AMONG TOP AMERICAN MILITARY AND NAVAL COMMANDERS IN CHINA OVER THE ROLE THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PLAY IN AVERTING FULL SCALE CHINESE CIVIL WAR WHICH MIGHT OPEN NEW INTERNATIONAL WOUNDS.

Their views are as opposed as views within America's diplomatic corps, which clashed strongly. Gen. Patrick Hurley, the resigned Ambassador, is believed to have been the strongest advocate of all-out support for Chiang Kai-shek.

Some U.S. army leaders have advocated openly throwing full support behind the Central Government. American arms and money backed with strong support could no doubt quickly enable the Chungking Government to crush its opposition. But that would hardly create a free, democratic, united China.

Other leaders grumped around Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer have suggested, and favored, throwing China's problem before the United Nations organization for settlement. This would spread responsibility, increase Russian influence in China, and opponents say indefinitely extend and aggravate present frictions on side and outside of China.

But naval and marine officers who feel themselves most closely bound up with the problem, since they have ferried Chinese Nationalist troops and now are guarding their railroad lines, have stood strongest for the position now taken by President Truman. They want China's warring factions to compromise their enmities and build a common government that can in time cure their country's ills by democratic processes.

This is the way most American fighting men on the scene responded when I talked to them about it.

"To begin with, we don't have any business whatsoever fighting somebody else's civil war. The Chinese Communists can't hope to win as long as the Nationalists have help from hundreds of thousands of armed Japanese troops and indirect support of American marines."

"On the other hand, as long as we keep giving Chiang Kai-shek American arms and ships and money and lend him use of our troops he won't compromise. Why should he? He knows he can get everything he wants if we give him everything he needs."

These leaders have felt all along that the United States should firmly tell both Communists and Nationalists to compromise their differences, warning Chiang Kai-shek that if he failed to show willingness to compromise, American would withhold any further help of any kind, and promise that if they agreed to try to work out their problems without armed strife America would back their united programme in every way to make China a power among the world's nations.

That now would seem to be the keystone of President Truman's policy.

There still remains the hard fact that whatever soft words may be used to cloak it, the real function of American marines in the Pacific is to pick up his royal robes and flee, leaving behind him 12 wives and innumerable concubines.

Actually His Majesty had abdicated in favor of his nephew, but both are believed to be living as fugitives, and in French archives their present address is marked as "unknown."

The Quai d'Orsay is frankly worried. On humanitarian grounds it trembles to think what the aboriginal races inhabiting the mountains may do if the monarchs fall into their hands.

It is even more perturbed at the threat to the French Far Eastern position, as the Americans are reported to be eager to exploit the economic resources of Laos.

So the French authorities feel that one way of restoring some order is to find their black king and reinstate him on this Asiatic chess-board.—Reuter.

Damp Squib

New York, Dec. 17.—Glenn Habb, foreign news executive editor of the Associated Press, broadcast today that for the average Japanese citizen the dream of conquest was "like a lovely fireworks display, lit and felled out in the night."

Habb said the average Japanese "is now beginning to realize he was dragged into the war, and, believe me, he was glad to see it end at any price."—Associated Press.

MOSCOW, DEC. 17.—THE RUSSIANS OPENED THEIR OWN WAR CRIMES TRIAL WHEN TEN GERMANS OF LOW RANK WERE ARRAIGNED BEFORE A MILITARY TRIBUNAL HERE CHARGED WITH ATROCITIES IN THE SMOLENSK AREA DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION.

There were indications that the defendants participated in the killing of more than 155,000 Soviet citizens, looting and destroying industrial enterprises and expelling a Russian population of 100,000 from the area.

BIG THREE'S WIDE FIELD

LONDON, DEC. 17.—THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND RUSSIA OPENED THE FIRST SESSION OF THEIR MOMENTOUS CONFERENCE ON A WIDE VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

British dispatches said that prior to the meeting, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin conferred with Sir Richard Williams Bullard, British Ambassador to Iran, on the latest developments in that country.

The conference is not expected to accomplish much more than routine business at their first session. None of the major issues are likely to come up for discussion until the three Foreign Secretaries have settled matters of procedure.—Associated Press.

SECOND MEETING

Moscow, Dec. 17.—A British Embassy spokesman said today that the Foreign Ministers of the Soviet Union, Britain and the United States met for two and half hours last night and would re-meet this afternoon.—Associated Press.

Fat Will Be In The Fire

JERUSALEM, DEC. 17.—AT THE MOMENT TENSION IN PALESTINE APPEARS SOMEWHAT RELAXED AS THE HAGANAH JEWISH LEADERS HAVE APPARENTLY HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE POLITICAL WISDOM OF CHALLENGING BRITAIN AT THIS STAGE WITH FORCE.

The whole of Palestine, however, is bristling with troops. Arrival of the joint Anglo-American commission is expected shortly and all parties are hastily preparing to put their case before it.

Test of the new commission is expected early in the proceedings now that both Jew and Arab leaders have definitely—though not yet publicly—agreed fully to collaborate with the commission.

It is expected that the commission will have to make its first pronouncement on immediate emergency immigration, and one way or another the fat will then be in the fire.—Reuter.

SHARP DROP IN TEMPERATURE

To-day's forecast:—Moderate to fresh north-easterly winds. Cloudy with occasional showers, remaining cold.

Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum—71 degrees at 5 a.m. Minimum—56 degrees at 11 p.m.

PATTON BULLETIN

Holldorf, Dec. 17.—The general condition of General Patton, former commander of the Third Army, who was injured in a car crash late Sunday, is excellent, says the latest bulletin.—Reuter.

GERMAN DESPAIR IN U.S. ZONE Seem To Prefer System Operating In British Area

Experience In Colonisation

U.S. HEADQUARTERS IN GERMANY, DEC. 17. THE GERMANS IN THE AMERICAN ZONE OF OCCUPATION ARE IN DESPAIR, ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECEIVED BY THE U.S. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION. THE REPORT SAYS, "THE GERMANS IN THE ZONE OF THE BRITISH ZONE, IN THE BRITISH ZONE, HAVE HAD MORE EXPERIENCE UNDER THE BRITISH SYSTEM OF NORMALISATION THAN UNDER THE AMERICAN OR RUSSIAN SYSTEMS."

The German people in the American zone are not only disappointed but also angry. They are angry because they have seen the British system of normalisation in operation in the British zone. They are angry because they have seen the British system of normalisation in operation in the British zone. They are angry because they have seen the British system of normalisation in operation in the British zone.

U.S. FAVOURS COMMUNIST DISSOLUTION

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Negrin Visit To Acheson

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17. ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON RECEIVED JUAN NEGRIN, LAST PRIME MINISTER OF REPUBLICAN SPAIN. A State Department official said they talked about Spain but did not elaborate.

Negrin's visit served to emphasize in diplomatic circles United States displeasure with the present regime of Franco which had been expressed bluntly on previous occasions. However, the official said that both Negrin and Acheson did not discuss the French note sent to the United States and Britain with regard to consultation on the severance of relations with Spain.—Associated Press.

PERON WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17. Launching his campaign for the Presidency, General Juan Peron, former Vice-President who resigned in the midst of Argentina's recent political upheaval, told a crowd of 200,000 to-day that his party rejects all extreme ideologies. He declared his victory would open the road to labour participation in the government and asserted that "true democracy" means that workers must "have access to the administration and government of the country."—Associated Press.

HIGHER PRICE FOR "MERCURY"

Washington, Dec. 17. The Office of the Price Administrator to-day announced that basic retail prices for Mercury automobiles will be increased an average of four per cent. over those of January 1942 and additional increases for design changes range from \$30 to \$50.

The Money Or The Girl?

RIO DE JANEIRO, DEC. 17. THE NEWSPAPER OF RIO DE JANEIRO, THE CORRESPONDENT IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, GAVE ITS READERS THIS TITLED.

An elderly man called on the town's newspaper, complaining that his 13-year-old wife, during the last year, had been married, washed his life time money of 15,000 cruzeiros.

"He added that he had reported the fact to the police but the investigation resulted in the case being closed with his wife. Hence, he declared, he was willing to settle for part of the U.S. money or the girl." Associated Press.

Cardinal Mistake To Enlarge SEAC

INSUFFICIENT PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE MILITARY NECESSITY FOR THE PRESENCE OF BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF WINDING UP THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN AND AS AN ASSIGNMENT FROM THE ALLIED WAR COUNCIL, WRITES "THE TIMES OF LONDON" TO DAY.

THE NEWSPAPER SAYS THAT THE REOCCUPATION OF JAVA AND SUMATRA SHOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN THE TASK OF DUTCH TROOPS.

It adds that it was equally obvious that the Dutch were in no way capable to undertake it, if taken with other commitments and Holland's own impoverished condition.

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Miomaster Plane Crashes

Washington, Dec. 17. The Army's first Miomaster plane, known as the "Miomaster," crashed near Green Hill, Maryland, today.

The crash of three officers was reported to safety.

NATIONAL GOVT.'S GOOD INTENTIONS

CHUNGKING, DEC. 17. PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S STATEMENT ON THE CHINA POLICY WAS GENERALLY RECEIVED IN CHUNGKING WITH DISCREET DISQUIETING APPREHENSIONS OVER AN UNFAVOURABLE DECLARATION.

OFFICIAL QUARTERS STATE THAT THE POLICY OUTLINED BY TRUMAN AGREES WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE THE PERIOD OF POLITICAL TUTORAGE PRESENTED BY DOCTOR SUN YAT SEN, FOUNDER OF THE REPUBLIC, TO PREPARE CHINA FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

They said the authorities had conveyed the National Assembly for May 15 next so that the body would institute constitutional government.

Official quarters cited evidence of the government's good intentions, creation of the all party non-partisan Political Consultative Council, which is to consider and try to settle outstanding issues between Chungking and Yenan.

Communist quarters here hailed the "wholehearted" of President Truman's statement. They said the Communist all along favoured the establishment of a broad coalition government instead of one party rule and, if truly representative, the administration formed would have no real objection to the nationalisation of the Chinese army.

PEACE PARLEY'S. Peace parleys between the Communist delegates to the furtherance of peace parleys in Chungking were on route from Yenan when President Truman's statement was received.

The Communists here continue to insist that responsibility for the present strife rests with the Central Government.

Reds Still Hold-Up Rail Movement

CHUNGKING, DEC. 17. COMMUNIST CONTROL OF SIZABLE STRETCHES OF THE RAIL LINE STILL IS PREVENTING MOVEMENT TO NORTH CHINA OF NATIONALIST FORCES ALONG THE TIENSIN-PUKOW AND PEIPING-HANKOW RAILROADS.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIST COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY CLAIMED THE COMMUNISTS DEC. 9 WRESTED FROM PRO-NATIONALIST FORCES THE TOWN OF PING-YAN ON THE TIENSIN-PUKOW RAILROAD, 50 MILES NORTH OF TSINAN, THE CAPITAL OF SHANTUNG PROVINCE.

They said Pingyan previously had been taken by puppet forces, supported by 1,000 Japanese troops and by Nationalist airplanes.

A Communist dispatch also reported an anti-Communist mopping up campaign had been in progress on both sides of the Nanking-Shanghai railway.

Another Communist dispatch asserted the Communists Nov. 24 disarmed 150 puppet troops, including a battalion commander, 15 miles west of Peiping.

Still another dispatch alleged 200 American trucks were handed over to Central Government forces at Tsingtao, Shantung seaport, and were being used for purposes of "civil war," together with 24 tanks and 41 field guns.

RED CHARGES. Communist quarters in Chungking alleged the Nationalists laid plans in November for large scale anti-Communist offensives which called for destruction of the main strength of the Communist armies within six months. They said 400,000 Nationalists had been massed in Shantung province alone, "where

a big battle is expected to take place at any time."

Japanese Communist Platform

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 17. THE "PEOPLE'S WORLD," PACIFIC COAST COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER, DEVOTED A FULL PAGE YESTERDAY TO A COPOUSLY ILLUSTRATED SPREAD OF THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY PLATFORM.

In an accompanying editorial, the "World" said it was the first American newspaper to publish "the policies of the Japanese working class which may influence world history very markedly."

The editorial concluded: "The success of the policy should interest the American people, for only if it is successful can the American people feel free from the peril of a revived Japanese imperialism. Indeed, it would be well for both peoples, if General MacArthur should follow the policies advocated by the Japanese Communists."—Associated Press.

DEATH OF MAN WHO OPENED TUT'S TOMB. London, Dec. 17. The death of 70 was reported by an Egyptian Telegram agency dispatch from Cairo to-day.

Lucas was the last survivor of the party which opened Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922. He often cited his advanced age as proof of the legendary death curse of all who touched the Pharaoh's tomb.—Associated Press.

A General Nuisance

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17. SENATOR THOMAS HART CONNELL, REPUBLICAN AND FORMER COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES ASIATIC FLEET, DECLARED SATURDAY THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS "ARE MAKING THEMSELVES A GENERAL NUISANCE" IN THE UNITED STATES.

The retired Admiral, in a radio speech, said: "There now has been some progress in withdrawing Japanese to the sea coast, but it has been slow because generally the entire necessity by tearing up railroad tracks, smashing bridges and making themselves a general nuisance insofar as getting the money out of China is concerned."

"The Japanese have behaved all right thus far, but their presence, many of them armed, is an unpleasant situation, to say the least," Associated Press.

NIMITZ'S NEW JOB. Washington, Dec. 17. Fleet Admiral Nimitz yesterday took over his new post as Chief of Naval Operations with the statement: "I have just taken on a great responsibility. I will do my utmost to meet it."

Nimitz relieved the retiring Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King. Associated Press.

They refused to make any specific comment on the Truman declaration that the United States would continue to assist in effecting the disarmament and evacuation of Japanese troops in the liberated areas.

"WE HOPE SO." As for the Truman declaration that "United States support will not extend to United States military intervention to influence the course of any Chinese internal strife," the Communist spokesman here said: "We hope this is so. We hope when General Marshall arrives this point will be effectively implemented."

The Communists particularly welcomed Truman's recognition of the fact the present Government of China is a one party government.

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SAILING TO SWATOW AND SHANGHAI. C.N. Co. S.S. "PAKHOI" 22nd December, 1945. Calling at Swatow to lift Chinese Government cargo to Swatow.

SAILINGS TO BANGKOK. I.C.B.N. Co. S.S. "WONGANG" 24th December, 1945. C.N. Co. S.S. "NINJIAI" 28th December, 1945.

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

MEDICAL BRANCH

NOTICE

Attention is directed to the following provisions of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance 1935:

No person shall slaughter any cattle sheep or goats or dress any carcasses thereof except within a slaughterhouse appointed for that purpose (Slaughterhouses, Regulation 7).

Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months. (Sec. 8-10).

J. P. FRILLY.

Col.

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Hong Kong,
17th December 1945

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

CIVIL AFFAIRS

POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH

All members of the former Police Force having been on a 1 to 1000 a day invited to report at the Police Training School, Kennedy Road, at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 18th December, 1945 to meet C. H. Sansom, C.M.C., C.B.E., Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong.

Captain: T. O. T. S.
Former Adjutant.

Hong Kong Police Reserve.

Hong Kong,
17th December, 1945

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH

It is hereby notified that selected tenders, in duplicate, for the supply of meals to Chinese prisoners, witnesses and detainees for a period of three months commencing 1st January, 1946, will be received by the Chairman of the Tender Board, Public Works Branch, Civil Affairs Department, until 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 24th December, 1945.

Such tenders should be clearly marked "Tender for the supply of meals to Chinese prisoners." No tender will be considered unless the person tendering attaches thereto a receipt that he has deposited with the Accountant General at the Treasury a sum of \$25 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if such person, his tender having been accepted, fails or refuses to carry out his contract.

A meal will consist of—
(a) Prisoners and Witnesses

- 8 ozs. white rice.
- 2 " fresh or salt vegetable.
- 2 " fresh or salt fish.
- 1/2 " oil.
- 1 " tea.
- (b) Detainees.
- 12 ozs. white rice.
- 3 " fresh or salt vegetable.
- 2 " fresh or salt fish.
- 1/2 " oil.
- 1 " tea.

Tenders may be for the supply of meals to any or all of the undermentioned Police Stations:—

Central. Kowloon City.
Upper Levels. Shamshuipo.
No. 2 (Wanchai). Yau-mat.
Bay View. Mong Kok.
No. 7 (West Point). Hung Hom.
Shaokwan. West Police.
(Tsimshui and).

The successful tenderer or tenderers will be required to sign an agreement and give security to the satisfaction of the Government in the sum of \$50.—

For terms of tender and any other information apply at Police Headquarters, New Oriental Building, Hong Kong.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

C. H. SANSOM,

Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong,

17th December, 1945.

Recriminations Go On As Before

COBB TO RACE AGAIN

Salt Lake City, Dec. 17. Speedster John Cobb, London fur broker who set the world auto record, will come to Utah soon from New York to discuss racing on Bonneville salt flats in 1947.

Cobb's record was 368.9 miles per hour. Associated Press.

Unpleasant Shanghai Incident

An unpleasant incident occurred at the Majestic Theatre in Shanghai when about 400 American military personnel, for a show on entertainment Mei Lan-fang was to present the Chinese Opera "Horse Trading," found most of the 1,600 seats of the theatre occupied by members of the 60th Division, 3rd War Zone Army, says the "North China Daily News."

The Americans had been invited by Major Chen Tachun. When one of them tried to occupy the seats reserved for them, they were told to get out by the Chinese soldiers. The same thing was repeated by a Chinese officer who declared to the audience that the theatre was occupied by Chinese military and therefore all ex-man and American personnel out.

POLICE INTERVIEW.

The Chinese municipal police intervened but finding themselves outnumbered, decided to allow the Chinese soldiers to remain. This decision was preceded by a short, heated conference with the Mayor's committee and the theatre management.

A spokesman of the Mayor's office explained the incident by saying that a free show was given for Chinese soldiers at the Tien China Theatre and that they probably moved up the theatre. It was learned, however, that the soldiers began arriving at the Majestic at 4 p.m. and that all admissions that afternoon were by invitation only fell on deaf ears.

PUPPET CURRENCY

Manila, Dec. 17.

The Philippine Congress today continued to consider its contribution on the McNutt sponsored bill to re-evaluate the banks and determine the status of financial transactions made in Japanese puppet currency during the occupation.

The House Senate leaders said that important amendments have to be made before the measure is acceptable. Lobbyists are reported to be putting pressure for a higher valuation of the puppet currency than that obtained in the McNutt measure. It is known that speculators bought up large quantities of the puppet money next to nothing after the return of the Americans in the hope that some valuation will be set on it.

Jaime Hernandez, the Finance Secretary, plans to offer a substitute measure embodying administration views. Associated Press.

19TH VICTORY

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 17. Byron Nelson captured the \$10,000 Fort Worth open golf tournament yesterday with an 11 under par score of 273. It was his 19th tournament victory this year. Jimmy Demaret finished second, eight strokes behind Nelson. Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17. The Philippine Resident Commissioner, Carlos Romulo, today appealed to the House of Representatives for immediate action on the Philippine Rehabilitation Bill making for its passage before the Christmas recess. Associated Press.

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CHUNGKING, DEC. 17. DESPITE THE IMMINENCE OF NEW CHINESE PEACE TALKS HERE, THE CAMPAIGN OF MUTUAL RECKONINGS BETWEEN THE NATIONALISTS AND COMMUNISTS CONTINUES WITHOUT ABATEMENT. THE COMMUNIST YESTERDAY CHARGED THAT NATIONALIST SECRET SERVICE MEN WERE TRYING TO LIMIT CIRCULATION OF THE "NEW CHINA DAILY NEWS," THE CHUNGKING MOUTHPIECE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.

They charged that newsboys selling the paper often are brutally thrashed and that intimidation extended even to the readers. They also alleged that distribution of the paper in Kunming and Chungking was being hindered by repressive police action.

A dispatch from North China said 29,000 Communists were preparing for a counter-offensive against Nationalists pushing toward Jehol along the Peking-Jehol railroad. It charged that the Communists had destroyed five bridges along the railroad to slow down progress of the Government troops.

CHANG'S BROTHER. Another dispatch said there had been a reshuffle of Communist war zone commanders under which Gen. Peng Tien-hai would command the Communists in the Peking-Tientsin area, Gen. Liu Piao those in Shan-tung and Gen. Ho Lung those in the Shansi-Szechuan sector.

As messages from Manchuria and other parts between Chinese and Russian representatives were still in progress at Chungking and differences still existed between them.

A dispatch portrayed Gen. Chiang Hsueh-uh, one of the brothers of young Marshal Chiang Hsueh-liang, as being pro-Communist. It alleged Chiang Hsueh-uh was in Yunnan at the time of Japan's surrender and was sent immediately to Manchuria by the Chinese Communists. Associated Press.

Busy British Shipyards

London, Dec. 17.

An unofficial estimate shows that British shipyards are now building 169 merchant ships of 197,000 tons gross as compared with 1,396,000 tons at the end of September.

An International Shipping Meeting will be held in London in January to consider the desirability of "any international co-operation arrangement" after official control ends on March 2.

British shipowners fear that deregulation will not mean decontrol since the Government will continue some direction or control by licensing.

The Chairman of the Coastal Section of the Chamber of Shipping complains that British shipbuilders lack incentive to reduce costs because they can fill shipyards with orders from foreign countries possessing sterling balances which must be spent here.

He says that British coastal and short-sea vessels have been little used by the Official Control. Foreign shipowners are allowed to retain practically the whole of their freight rates whereas British shipowners get only re-qualification rates. Reuter.

"MAN OF THE YEAR"

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 17. Bo McMillin, the coach who guided Indiana through an undefeated football season to its first Big Ten conference championship with the help of several trainees, was named football "man of the year" by the Football Writers' Association of America. Associated Press.

Admirals Retire

Admiral Sir Max Kennedy Horton, G.C.B., D.S.O. and two bars, the British submarine ace in the Kaiser's war, who beat the U-boats in Hitler's war, has retired from the Royal Navy.

The Admiralty has announced that his retirement at the age of 61 is "at his own request, to facilitate the promotion of younger officers."

Appointed "Cin C" Western Approaches in November, 1942, Admiral Horton had the vital job of winning the Battle of the Atlantic.

Also announced is the retirement of three more Flag Officers. Vice Admiral Sir Henry R. Harwood, who, at the age of 57 has been placed on the retired list with the rank of Admiral, through ill health.

The most spectacular achievement of Vice Admiral Harwood was his victory in the battle of the River Plate, which ended in the German pocket battleship, Graf Spee, being scuttled in Montevideo Harbour on Dec. 17, 1939.

Vice Admiral J. H. Godfrey, has been placed on the retired list with the rank of Admiral and re-appointed in the rank of Vice-Admiral as Flag Officer Commanding Royal Indian Navy.

Vice-Admiral M. L. Clarke has been retired with the rank of Admiral. He is a navigation specialist.

GIRL BOUND OVER

An 18-year-old spinster, La Sim, was bound over by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Court yesterday when she was convicted on a charge of housebreaking at No. 44B, Lyndhurst Terrace on Friday.

Sub-inspector Fong told the Court that the girl broke into the premises and stole clothing to the value of \$400.

Accused's mother, employed in a local Import and Export firm, undertook to be responsible for her daughter's future good conduct.

GREEKS RESTIVE

Athens, Dec. 17. The Communist Party and the Leftist National Liberation Front are reported to be planning simultaneous mass meetings against the government of Premier Themistokles Sophoulis tomorrow in Athens.

In a press conference, Sophoulis declared it was necessary that measures be taken to maintain order. Associated Press.

KING GUSTAV

Oslo, Dec. 17. King Gustav of Norway, who is 87, yesterday resumed his tennis practice after a fortnight of illness. Associated Press.

Heavy Tax On Luxury Goods Into China

SHANGHAI, DEC. 17. AS A MEANS OF PROTECTING CHINA'S TARIFF, THE CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS WILL IMPOSE A HEAVY TAX ON ALL KINDS OF IMPORTED LUXURIES WHILE METHODS ARE ALSO BEING CONTEMPLATED TO ENCOURAGE THE IMPORTS OF URGENTLY NEEDED GOODS IN CHINA, THE DAILY NEWS LEARNED FROM AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES THIS MORNING.

Machines, tools, flour, and cotton which undoubtedly constitute a dominating force in the reconstruction of China, will be taxed only lightly, it was said.

When contacted today, a local financial expert declared that the new measure will have a vital bearing upon the development of China, as her national economy will not suffer so heavily as in the pre-war days when heavy imports of luxuries caused annual exports of large sums of Chinese dollars abroad.

Goods before being imported, will be checked in order to establish whether they can be itemized as luxuries or goods not necessary at present in China. Although no full list of

luxuries is now available, cosmetics, will be among those heavily taxed.

All the proceeds to be raised through the levying of heavy taxes on luxuries will compensate for the loss to be incurred through the levying of light taxes on necessities, it was said.

While all other possible means may also be employed, the decrease of import customs dues on a number of urgently needed goods will be the best method in encouraging foreign imports to China.

The present measure may be considered as one of China preliminary moves toward exercising her full power over tariff autonomy, it was pointed out.

Mutiny

Paris, Dec. 17. Dispatches from Syria today said that a small-scale mutiny broke out among native and Christian troops at Hama, north of Damascus. The reports said the mutiny was led by a young captain in the Hama Military School. Associated Press.

Queen's Rd. Hold-Up

"I feel that justice would not be done if the accused are not represented. Under the circumstances the court will adjourn until arrangements can be made for the accused to be legally represented."

With these remarks Mr. Leo d'Almeida, President of the Military Standing Court yesterday adjourned the case in which two men, Chan Kwong, Chan Ming, Lo Man-so, Yuen Ngan and Chan Kui, are alleged to have committed an armed robbery in a side lane at Second Street, West Point, on Nov. 26.

The other two members of the court were Mr. Horace Lo and Capt. I. M. Lightbody. Mr. R. S. Smith appeared for the prosecution.

The two victims of the case, Lo Yung and Lo Tang, according to Mr. Smith, came to the Colony to look for a clansman. On the evening of their arrival they went with three other clansmen to a clubhouse. After the party broke up, the complainants were walking along Queen's Road West when they were held up by the defendants near Eastern Street. The defendants then searched the complainants and took away some money and other valuables.

Mr. Smith said that, under threats, Lo Yung and Lo Tang were made to go to a friend's house to borrow money to repay an alleged claim by defendants. They did not obtain any money and the defendants finally left after being handed an overcoat.

Mr. Smith added that the complainants throughout were constantly under threats and did not have a chance to summon aid.

Following evidence by Lo Yung, Mr. d'Almeida then moved for an adjournment of the case. He pointed out to the defendants that hearing was adjourned for two reasons. Firstly, in order that the police may be able to make further inquiries into the case, and secondly, should the case be proceeded with, for the accused to be legally represented.

OLDSTER CHARGED

Manila, Dec. 17. The defense counsel for Teofilo Siron, puppet Minister of the Interior during the occupation, plans to call leading Filipino Congressmen to testify on behalf of the elderly official who is now facing 26 charges of treason and collaboration. Associated Press.

MEXICAN OPEN

Mexico City, Dec. 17. Al Espinosa, former United States professional, today won the 72-hole Mexican open golf title with a score of 290.

Percy Clifford, British amateur who lives here, was placed second with 298. Associated Press.

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The Puget Sound has 18 teams on board and this team will be representatives of the whole ship, which is the strongest of the present Task Force 72 in the harbour. They claim an undefeated record and the "Y" promised a keen tussle.

The basketballers are starting from Blake's Pier at 6.00 p.m. this evening. Those who wish to attend the game should be there at 5.45 p.m. as there will be guides to take them to the "Y" gymnasium.

LONDON OLYMPIAD

Montreal, Dec. 17.

The Canadian Olympic Committee today said it has been informed by J. Sigfrid Edstrom, President of the International Olympic Committee, that the 1948 games will be held in London and St. Moritz, Switzerland. Associated Press.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.

Charles O'Rourke, former Boston college star, heaved four touchdowns passes as the Fleet City Bluejackets closed their football season on Sunday with a 27 to 0 victory over the Fort Warren (Wyoming) Broncos. Associated Press.

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